

### The Weather:

You won't need your longies much longer . . .

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### Dixiedoodle Says:

Can you think up something for this corner . . .

## Feller's Fellers To Play Dixie Ball Team Sunday

### Bands And Many Soldiers To Accompany Team To Palatka

The baseball season comes to the boys of Camp Blanding with a bang next Sunday when the 31st Division All Star team invades Palatka, Fla., for the first game of the season, meeting Bob Feller's baseball school squad, proceeds to go toward a recreational fund. The Blanding team will receive half of the game receipts. With only two weeks training under their belts, the Soldiers enter the game decided underdogs, but with experience piled deep behind ability, they may surprise the prognosticators. Bands from the 156th and 167th Infantry Regiments will accompany the team.

The entire group making the trip will go in trucks furnished by the 106th Quartermaster Regiment. This is the beginning of the season for the Camp as a whole, but a full schedule of games has been planned, with a Regimental league now being formed, company games planned, and an attempt being made to fill a calendar of contests for the All Star team, to be chosen from the various Regimental squads.

### Two Weeks Practice

Two weeks of practice are behind the team, not enough to get the boys in shape, but enough to allow the coaches to weed out the experienced players, and form a tentative lineup. The plan is to use at least two full lineups, with no pitcher working over two or three innings. Several bright prospects have been exhibiting steady work to date, and on paper the squad will have experienced men two or three deep in every position.

But with such a short period of preparation, they will face a stiff test, and as the season progresses, improvement is expected in all departments.

Two men have borne the brunt of training; Corporal Laz Bandler, former professional with ten years experience behind him as well as a career for umpiring, has been in charge of the infield, bringing the prospects to an efficient polish for so short a time.

### Alley In Charge

Private Jim Alley, associated with semi-pro and professional ball for fifteen years, is handling the pitchers, working them slowly during the still cold weather. He has plenty of material to enable him to throw new men in every inning or two, and still have effective mound work.

A large following of men from the Division is expected to make the trip to the Palatka ball park, members of every Regiment being on the squad. A special celebration is planned by the city for the occasion with all men of

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### LITTLE LATE

Two men of Company M 155th Infantry, Larkin K. Power, Jr., and Buford K. O'Neal, learned with surprise the other day that they were slated to be inducted at Camp Shelby, Mississippi February 20, along with 43 other selectees. The Draft board blamed the 'red tape,' with which they were entangled, for the mixup.

It is earnestly hoped that they will be able to transfer back to their own Division after their new army training begins.

## Men May Apply For Air Corps Engineering Post

A bulletin from the War Department announces that applications of enlisted men, possessing the proper qualifications, will be considered for a training course to prepare them for the duties of an Air Corps Squadron Engineering officer. No flying training will be included in the course, which will require about nine months training.

The first phase of training will be twelve weeks at either New York University of Purdue University receiving instruction in engineering theory pertaining to the maintenance of aircraft. Fifty applicants will enter each university every three months.

Following this will come a course in airplane mechanics at the Air Corps Technical School, Chanute Field, Rantoul, Ill. All candidates completing the entire nine month's course satisfactorily, will be commissioned 2nd Lieutenants, Air Reserve, and assigned to active duty with tactical units of the Army Air Corps as Squadron engineering Officers.

## First Military Wedding In Camp

The first military wedding to take place in Camp Blanding, was consummated Saturday night, when Captain Lewis of the Service Co., 167th Infantry, 31st Division, presented the bride, the former Miss Oris Barnett of Gadsden, Ala., in matrimony to First Sergeant Ernest Morgan.

The service was performed by the Regimental Chaplain, Lt. Wolcott, with invited guests limited to members of the bridegroom's own company and immediate friends. Lt. Henry V. Graham sang several numbers, and Sergeant R. Howell played the wedding march for the ceremony.

### SELECTEES WILL TAKE TURN ON KP

Selectees inducted into the Division will stand their turn at K. P., under a decision of the Commanding General to permit the use of the new men for "housekeeping duties." Basic training of the Selectees must be completed in eight weeks and is first priority but they will be required to do their share of company house-keeping.

## Gen. Persons Talks To Men Who Train Selectees

### Dixie's Commander Impresses Vital Importance of Job

Following is the text of General John C. Persons talk to the men selected to train the selectees:

"I have called you together in order that we may get a clear understanding of the job we have to do and how we are to do it.

"Beginning on February 17th we will receive 7,183 new men in the 31st Division. They will all reach us within a period of three weeks. There will be no immediate increase in officers or non-commissioned officers. All of these men will probably be recruits, although there may turn up occasionally some man with previous military training. They will come from Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, and Florida. I am told they will be well equipped as to clothing, better than our men, but of course no weapons. Our job is to make soldiers out of these men. Your particular job is to give them basic training in eight weeks. How are we going to do it?

"We have two problems (1) The training; (2) The absorption of these men, and at the same time preserve the fine spirit we have in the 31st Division, and inoculate the selectees with it.

"The solution to the first problem is clear cut. We have selected you men to form special training units to give them their eight weeks training. You have been selected because of your ability to put this job over.

### Period Is Short

"It is up to you to take these selectees, teach the fundamentals of the military art in a short period, harden them so that they will be physically able to undergo severe physical effort and at the same time make them respect you and through you the army as represented by the 31st Division.

"I instructed our regimental commanders to pick men as instructors who were soldierly looking, who were well trained, who were good instructors, and

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## FIRST SELECTEE GROUPS WILL ARRIVE IN DIXIE DIVISION FOR TRAINING AND ABSORPTION 17TH

### Hotcha House, (Or PX6) Called "Blue Danube"

Latest addition to Blanding Cafe Society's itinerary is the recently opened Blue Danube Lounge and Club Room. Genial Pvt. First Class Harry Byrnes, well known host of the establishment, is always on hand to greet the new arrivals with a cheery, "Whadd'ya want." The Special Troops, always one of the smoothest groups in the set, are duly proud of this new meeting place, occupying a position on road X. The Blue Danube Lounge, opened with fitting ceremonies last week, is known to the initiated as Club Post Exchange No. 6.

A swing band was especially imported for the opening, the 124th Inf. music masters being retained for the festivities. Important dignitaries gave the occasion a premier effect, and attempts were made to get some searchlights and a microphone.

Official dedication of the building was made by Major George Haas, who told the assembled officers and men that the building was to be named for Colonel William E. Mickle. General John C. Persons and his entire Staff attended the ceremonies, as well as a large group of other officers invited for the occasion.

The new establishment has become the haunt of the Battalion playboys, any number of them being found there at all free moments sipping a seven-up or gulping down a coke.

## Col. Thompson Honored At Home For Leadership

Colonel Walter N. Thompson, Commanding Officer of the 167th Infantry, 31st Division, now at Camp Blanding, was one of the eighteen men in the United States to be presented last month with a "Certificate Of Honor." This award was presented by the Gadsden, Ala., Chamber of Commerce for outstanding service to his community during civil life.

## 167th Quartet Sings In Church

The Co. H, 167th Infantry, Quartet, under direction of Lt. James B. Kemp, gave a short program at one of the local churches in Jacksonville last Sunday night. This group is the nucleus of the Regimental glee club now being formed, all four boys being former members of the Jacksonville State Teachers College Glee Club and quartet.

Arrival in the Dixie Division next week of the first Selectee contingents will mark the beginning of an intensive training period, designed to turn the division's 7,143 raw recruits into soldiers within an eight-week period.

The Selectees will arrive in daily groups of from 400 to 500, from Alabama, Florida, Louisiana and Mississippi, first arrivals scheduled February 17 and the last March 8. Most of them will have had only three days service when they get here, having stopped at Camp Shelby, Miss., Fort McPherson, Ga., and Camp Blanding, Fla., reception centers only long enough to draw uniforms and mess equipment. Of the total, 3,545 will come from Shelby, 1,861 from Blanding, 1,737 from McPherson.

Assignment of Selectees to the various units will be in this order: 31st M. P. Co., 61st Inf. Brig., 62nd Inf. Brig., Special Troops, 106th QM, 106th Eng., 106th Med., 56th F. A. Brig.

### Regimental Training

Actual training of the Selectees will be accomplished in Replacement Companies with each regiment, instructors being named from National Guard officer and enlisted personnel of the regiments. These instructors, in turn, were given a course in the proper methods of instructing this week under the direction of the Division Schools.

Students of the instructor course were all officers comprising the minimum training corps of the Replacement companies, and instructors were: Lieut. Col. C. M. Parkin, Lieut. Col. W. A. Cunningham, Lieut. Col. Patrick E. Shea, Capt. F. W. Bradshaw, Major W. J. Hanna, Capt. V. S. Adkins, Capt. H. O. Roy, 1st Lieut. Donald G. Williams, 1st Lieut. Samuel B. Williams.

The training to be given the Selectees will be designed to bring their physical condition up to the standard of the National Guard personnel; to give the Rookies basic training of the Soldier; and to impart technical and tactical knowledge that will enable the Selectees to take places in the companies without disrupting present organizations.

## Captain House Weds Miss O'Neal

Captain Henry Wilson House, Jr., Commanding Officer, Battery F, 116th F. A., and Miss Irma O'Neal of Tampa, Florida were married last Sunday afternoon at the Tenth Avenue Baptist Church, in the Bride's home city. Captain Don Pierce acted as best man during the ceremony. The couple will make their home in Starke, Fla., during the time the Captain is in training.



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## WE SUSPECT AMERICA'S STILL SAFE

The other day a headliner came to Camp Blanding. No, he wasn't Mr. Willkie or Mrs. Roosevelt or any other of our thoughtful leaders who turn up in faraway places. Nor is his name connected with politics, crime, education or matters military.

Instead he was a youngster named Bob Feller who happens to be—as if you didn't know it—baseball's highest paid pitcher. Bob Feller was here in Camp Blanding talking to groups of the boys, and to arranging this Sunday's baseball game.

He came to Division Headquarters, with a civilian entourage. Privates stared, shavetails edged closer and shook hands, majors and captains crowded around. Some asked for autographs. On the spot a project developed to provide transportation for the soldiers to the game. For a sports page hero had hit town, and nobody was particularly interested in anything else at the moment. In fact, rumor has it that the commanding general entered the front door at the time, and wasn't seen by anyone save an orderly who happened to be on his way outside to tell some other soldiers to take a look.

We're not kidding when we say that's a pretty good sign that America hasn't gone haywire. We don't think that the inventor of a new kind of poison gas, or a sea going tank would have had one-tenth the attention. And why should he?

## THEATRE MEMO

Following is a schedule of feature attractions coming to the 31st Division Theatre during the week beginning February 15. Special matinees are offered each Saturday and Sunday afternoons beginning at 2 o'clock. There is only one afternoon performance. Regular night performances begin at 6 and 8 o'clock.

Saturday—"THE GIRL FROM AVENUE A," featuring Jane Withers and Kent Taylor. Also "THE GAY CABALLERO," featuring Cesar Romero and Chris Pin Martin.

Sunday and Monday—"STRIKE UP THE BAND," featuring Mickey Rooney and Judy Garland.

Tuesday—"HAUNTED HONEYMOON," featuring Robert Montgomery and Constance Cummings.

Wednesday and Thursday—"HIRED WIFE," featuring Rosalind Russell, Brian Aherne, Virginia Bruce, and Robert Benchley.

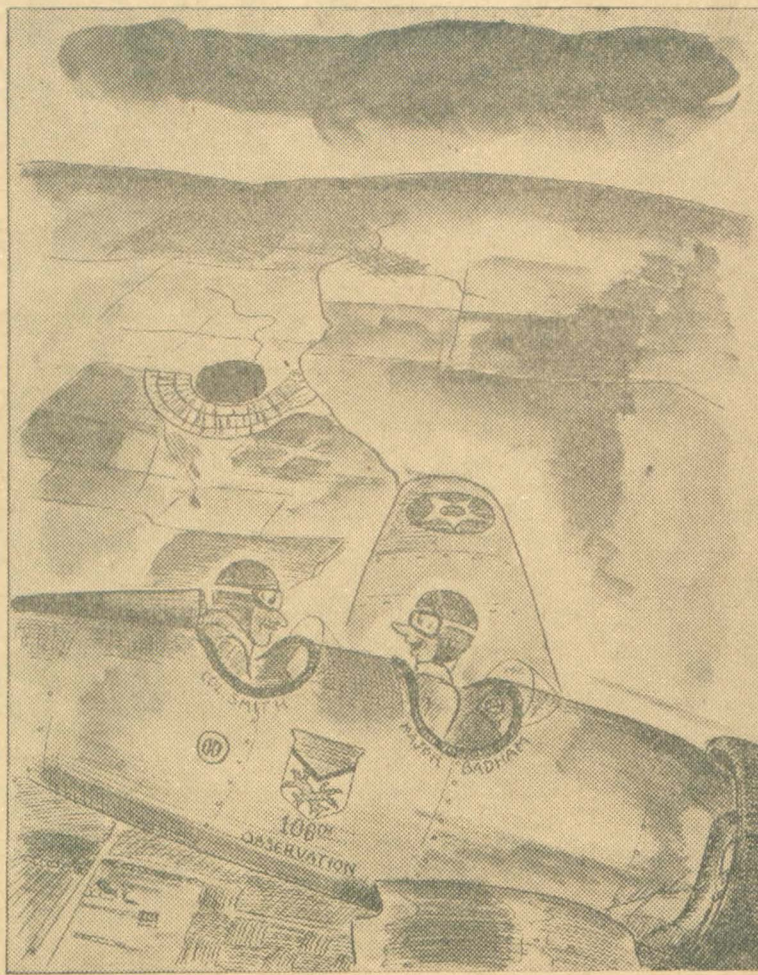
Friday—"MYSTERY SEA RAIDER," featuring Carole Landis and Henry Wilcoxon.

## A GRAIN OF SALT

Of all the wimmin doubly blest  
The soldiers wife's the happiest,  
For all she does is stay to home,  
And knit and darn and let 'im roam.  
Of all the husbands on the earth,  
The soldier has the finest birth,  
For in 'is barracks he can sit,  
And gab and gab and let 'er knit.

—George A. Trebotich,

Hq. Co. 106th Qm. Regiment.



"Bet you can't spit in the lake, Colonel"

## Gen. Persons

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who were men of good judgment. You are the men sent me and yours is the responsibility of living up to the representations your regimental commander has made. Now one or two details.

"You must look like a soldier. Every one of you men must wear your best clothes and if any of you enlisted men are not well equipped I want the regimental commanders to get the best they can for you. Every man must be clean and neat. You must be clean shaven, every day, your leather and canvas leggings must be clean. You men who have been to Benning know what I am talking about. You must be the best looking soldiers in camp.

### Instruction Goal

"Now as to instruction.

"I repeat General Marshall's statement, 'There must be no compromise with quality.' You must know your stuff. You must go to your work each day fully prepared to teach your subject. There must be no timidity, no hesitation, no lack of confidence, for these men will quickly discover it if you don't know your job.

"You must inspire confidence and respect. We are selling this army to these men in order that they may have the same pride that we have in it. We want them to write back home and say that the 31st Division is on its toes, they know their job and they have a swell bunch of instructors. Now I don't mean to pamper these men. On the contrary, the discipline must be strict, stricter than perhaps we have been accustomed to, but above all things you must be fair. Nothing will cause a man to lose respect quicker than unfair treatment. Be firm, be efficient, be fair.

### To Commanders

"So much for you instructors. Now as to you regimental commanders whose units these men will belong to. You have a big

job. You must not only see that these men are properly trained but they are your responsibility in every other respect. Morals, health, equipment, housing, messing and the absorption in your command. I am not going to tell you how to do your job. You are men of experience and I am confident can handle it. I am making one interpretation of the written order which I want you to particularly note. Selectees are to be given their share of company housekeeping duty. This means they may be used within the company for housekeeping. They are not to be used for Battalion or higher headquarters details or for guard duty until they have completed their eight weeks training."

## GIST OF ORDERS

### Officers Promoted

Major General John C. Persons announced promotion of the following Dixie Division officers:

Lieut. Col. Charles N. Sawyer, (RA) Signal Corps, to Colonel, effective January 1, 1941.

Major DeWitt T. Milam, M. C. (NGUS), to Lieut. Col., effective February 8, 1941.

### Returns From School

Major Edgar Rushing, 155th Infantry, has returned from the Infantry School, Fort Benning, Ga.

### Reservists Report

The following reserve Medical officers have reported to Headquarters 31st Division, and have been attached for duty to units shown after their names:

Capt. David M. Banen, 116th F. A.; 1st Lieut. Ralph E. Hockenberry, 124th Inf.; 1st Lieut. Leslie A. Faudree, Special Troops; 1st Lieut. Timothy M. Corrigan, 124th Inf.; 1st Lieut. John S. Large, 106th Eng.; 1st Lieut. Donald C. Hurtwell, 117th F. A.; 1st Lieut. Jacob R. Davis, 124th Inf.; 1st Lieut. Richard J. Boucok, 124th Inf.; 1st Lieut. Gilbert B. McMaster, 106th Med.; 1st Lieut. Robert F. Braden, 106th Med.



The dawn broke with a resounding crack, it seemed or at least light flooded the room. Pvt. Stanley Woodall, Hq. Co., 106th QM, rolled from his bunk, grasped both eyes in calloused hands, and pried them open. The bulletin board blazed his name on the KP list, and the Top-Kick was in on this little deal so there was no possibility of ignoring the summons. Pvt. Stan dressed, hurried to the kitchen, where all was dark; not even the proverbial mouse stirring. Our hero stumbled sobbing back to his tent, groped for the clock, and dolefully read the hand which unquaveringly announced that the time was 1:30 A. M. This story has no moral, but all you pvts. can let your souls writhe in sympathy.

"Choc" Stevens glared at the bowling ball, knowing that the ball had even less opinion of him. His muscles tensed, rippling with suppressed emotion, for Choc had a chance to score over a hundred. The spectators gulped their adams apples in quantities, forgetting their petty worries in the tempo of the moment. Silence, fraught with meaning and delicate in its completeness, crowded into the hall to stand and watch these humans. The ball was thrown with grim fury at the leering pins in the alley. With deadly accuracy, the moving object met the middle pin, rolled over it, and downed the others in a blasting assault. But wait—twas a strike right enough, but all the rules laid down by those esteemed but unknown gentlemen who planned the game of bowling, had been broken. Choc had accompanied the ball, and slides, even perfect ones, don't count there.

Congratulations to Sgt. John W. Brown, Co. F 124th Infantry on the newest addition to his family. A mess sergeant should have no worry feeding an eight pound baby girl.

Want to read something good? Get some copies of the 167th Infantry "Alabam" and read the short articles each week by Chaplain Wolcott. A really good argument for the right way of living.

Nice gesture on the part of Headquarters Platoon, Company A, 124th Infantry. When Sgt. John R. Lake and Pvt. Al M. Prescott announced they were to have birthdays on successive days, the boys of their unit presented cakes.

Congrats to Staff Sgt. Lyle E. Sniferdek, transferred from the army to join the naval squadron sailing the seas of matrimony.

It didn't take the Division's first selectee long to get into the "swing" of things. Pvt. George W. Wynn, assigned to Service Company, 124th Infantry, reported at 2:45 P. M. and ten minutes later he was chopping wood for the company Mess Sergeant.

Jacksonville seems to be turning into the Gretna Green of Florida. Pvt. Norman Esteve Company B, 156th Infantry is the latest to take that last long look at freedom. When you gonna tell her name Norman?

And then that sage remark of Private Paul Derise's: "What—only eleven privates in the company? Certainly a shortage of soldiers." They really would be in a bad fix without us kid.

Two non-coms of Battery F, 116th F. A. had a taste of their own medicine over the week-end. Nope—they didn't get dressed down by the captain. First Srgeant McCalla and Corporal Bailey had their wives spend Saturday and Sunday with them. Nice to see them have to take orders for a change.

Bobby Feller, the Cleveland 'you can't hit it if you can't see it' boy, was in camp the other day. The writer is going on We The People forty years from now and tell how it felt to watch the Big Shots gather around and ask for autographs.

And did a Dixie story stir up the action. No sooner had the paper hit the Company Streets, than a challenge was blasted into the office. Don't fail to be there when the 116th and 114th Field Artillery Bands have that battle royal.



## Officers Who Train Selectees

### Here Are Officers Selected For Soldierly Qualities

The responsibility for training the Division's Replacement companies, composed of Selectees, will fall to a corps of officers and non-commissioned officers especially selected for their soldierly qualities and abilities as instructors.

Officers named for this duty are:

#### 106th Medical Regiment

Battalion Commander, Major Cornelius E. Gorman, M. C., 106th Med. Reg.; Plans and Training Officer, Capt. Lawrence B. Hudson, M. C. 106th Med. Reg. Company Commanders: Eldon R. Bolton, M. C. 114th F. A.; Capt. Joseph W. Ford, 167th Inf. M. C.; Capt. Frank L. Ramsey, M. C. 106th Med. Reg.; 1st Lt. Elmer E. Kramer, M. C. 106th Med. Reg.; Capt. Thomas A. Baines, 106th Med. Reg. M. C. Assistant Officers: 1st Lt. Marion J. LeDoux, M. C. 106th Med. Reg.; Capt. Henry C. Dorris, M. C. 155th Inf. Reg.; Capt. Joseph M. Bosworth, M. C. 116th F. A.; Capt. Thomas Purser, M. C. 106th QM.; 1st Lt. James J. LaNasa, M. C. 106th Med. Reg.; Capt. Charles R. Jenkins, M. C. Med. Reg.; 1st Mark O. Carey, Jr., MAC. 106th Med. Reg.; 1st Lt. Peter J. Sallettes, MAC 106th Med. Reg.; 2nd Lt. O. C. McDavid, MAC 106th Med. Reg.

#### 155th Infantry Regiment

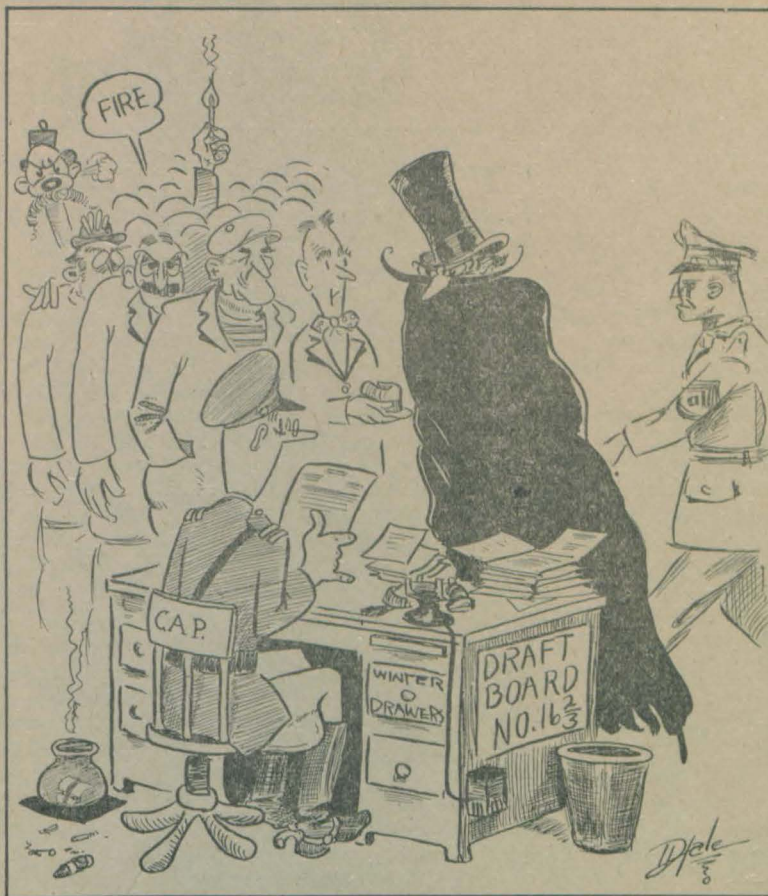
Regimental Commander: Major Allan McGluer; S-1 and S-3: Capt. Eugene A. Wink; 1st Battalion Commander: Capt. Louis M. Jiggs; 2nd Battalion Commander: Capt. Nelson Timlake; 3rd Battalion Commander: Capt. John T. Dawson. Company Officers: 2nd Lt. Joe F. Guess, 2nd Lt. George J. Colles, Jr., Co. A; 2nd Lt. Taylor F. Thompson, 2nd Lt. James B. Grace, Co. B; 2nd Lt. Irby C. Tallant, Co. E; 2nd Lt. Paul F. Stribling, 2nd Lt. Powell E. Morgan, Co. F; 2nd Lt. Frank M. Gray, 2nd Lt. Dorsey E. West, Co. H; 2nd Lt. Bart W. LaHatte, 2nd Lt. Robert L. Woolfolk, Co. I; 2nd Lt. Robert J. Williams, 2nd Lt. George W. Vaught, Co. K; 2nd Lt. Alva T. McDaniel, 2nd Lt. Walter C. Keoper, Co. L; 2nd Lt. F. D. Thomas, 2nd Lt. Frank L. Barnett, Co. M.

#### 156th Infantry Regiment

Regimental Commander: Lt. Col. Frank P. Stubbs; Plans and Training Officer: Capt. Howard O. Roy; Commanding Officer, 1st Battalion, Capt. Joseph A. Holliday; Commanding Officer, 2nd Battalion, Capt. Harry S. Hover; Commanding Officer 3rd Battalion Capt. Roland P. Desonier. Company Officers: Lieutenants: Lionel J. Champagne, Sidney T. Mixon, Co. A; Frank Hubbard, Jr., William B. Walker, Co. B; Bernard C. LeBoeuf, Jules A. Boudreaux, Co. C; Alexander C. Granzin, Gustave C. Gehr, Co. D; Edgar J. Chaney, Jr., Edgar H. Boren, Co. E; Malcolm E. McGraw, John A. Thibodeaux, Co. F; Medwyn H. McClelland, Benjamin W. Wax, Co. G; Jules B. Sadilek, Wilfred J. Sellers, Co. H; Samuel D. Wilder, Ray W. Miles, Co. I; Glen A. Slaughter, Robert L. Crozier, Co. K; Leonard E. Pauley, Thomas R. Hardin, Co. L; Hames E. Brown, Nathan J. Schiller, Jr., Co. M.

#### 124th Infantry Regiment

Regimental Commander, Lt. Col. George A. Decottes; Plans



"And what is YOUR occupation?"

and Training Officer, 1st Lt. James H. Johnson, 1st Battalion Commander, Capt. John G. Macfarlan, 2nd Battalion Commander, Capt. Mahone Rees, 3rd Battalion Commander, Capt. Fred W. Kushmer. Company Officers: 1st Lt. John J. Klein, Co. A; Capt. Benjamin B. Acres, Co. B; Capt. Victor H. Kuschel, Company C; 1st Lt. Raymond St. J. Sprague, Co. D; 2nd Lt. Albert H. Durrell, Co. E; Capt. Frank M. Whiddon, Co. F; 1st Lt. Alphonse R. Fritot, Co. G; Capt. Robert B. Harkness, Co. H; 2nd Lt. William G. Lundy, Co. I; 1st Lt. Edward T. Walker, Co. K; Capt. James S. Joyner, Co. L.

#### 106th Engineers

Company Commander, Capt. Charles R. Warndorf; Plans and Training Officer, Capt. Henry C. Floyd; Platoon leaders, 2nd Lt. Marshall E. Bush, 2nd Lt. Henry McEuart, 2nd Lt. Alvin M. Hendrix, 2nd Lt. Charlie L. White.

#### 106th Quartermaster

Battalion Commander, Major Mark W. Lance; Plans and Training Officer, 2nd Lt. Edward P. Bradley; Company Commanders, 1st Lt. John S. B. Johnson, 1st Lt. Jack C. Miller, 1st Lt. Hugh D. Cargill, 1st Lt. William J. Boroughs, Jr.; assistants to company commanders, Second Lieutenants Frank E. Puryear, John T. Kizer, William D. Smilie, Robert H. Mizelle, Oscar B. Rich, Theophile J. Combel, Jr., Hilton L. Battle, Joseph C. Brown.

#### 56th Field Artillery Brigade

Regimental Commander, Lt. Col. Henry W. Eason, 114th F. A.; Regimental Plans and Training Officer: Capt. Edmund J. McMullen, 56th F. A. Brig.; Battalion Commanders, Capt. Cyril S. Lloyd, 116th F. A.; Capt. Guy B. Wilder, 117th F. A.; Capt. Fred O'Bannon, 114th F. A.; Capt. David D. Patty, 114th F. A. 116th Field Artillery: 1st Lt. Albert B. Conner, Second Lieutenants, William H. Hancock, Jr., Richard Leffer, Jr., Charles G. Renfro, Woodrow W. Dickey, Perry M. Gwaltney, Jr., James T. Specht, Aubrey B. Boykin, Philip H. Conner, William B. Swearingen.

#### 117th Field Artillery

Capt. Rex D. Roach, 1st Lt. John M. Kelso, 1st Lt. Albert M. Marshal; Second Lieutenants Jep

O. Taylor, Frank J. Arnold, Egbert A. Hicks, James G. Bradley, Frank Coefield, James R. Taylor.

#### 114th Field Artillery

First Lieutenants Doyle W. Waldrop, John B. Joyce, Beverly M. Leigh, Lawrence L. Mullen, John D. Johnston, Second Lieutenants Horace R. Adair, Henry L. Havens, Eli S. Davis, Jr., Henry C. Flanagan, William H. Wiseman, Thomas B. Prewitt, Lester R. Thompson, James H. W. Treadwell, Leon R. East, Charles O. Branyan.

#### 167TH INFANTRY

Regimental Commander, Lieut. Col. James A. Webb, Plans and Training Officer and Adjutant, Lieut. James E. Barber.

#### First Battalion

Commanding Officer, Captain John C. Duckworth; Company A, Second Lieut. Claude P. White, Commanding; Second Lieut. Henry A. Smith, Second in Command.

Company B, Second Lieut. Henry B. Holt, Commanding; Second Lieut. Gwaltney McCullom, Second in Command.

Company C, Second Lieut. Jackson T. Kerr, Commanding; Second Lieut. Robert C. Key, Second in Command.

Company D, Second Lieut. Frederick D. Disney, Commanding; Second Lieut. James H. Massingill, Second in Command.

#### Second Battalion

Commanding Officer, Captain Walter D. Newman.

Company E, Quota to be divided.

Company F, Second Lieut. Robert W. Tinsley, Commanding; Second Lieut. Milford I. Garrett, Second in Command.

Company G, Second Lieut. Daniel H. Milam, Commanding; Second Lieut. Charles C. Crowe, Second in Command.

Company H, Second Lieut. King S. Butler, Commanding; Second Lieut. Edward O. Logan, Second in Command.

#### Third Battalion

Commanding Officer, Captain Leon L. Mathews.

Company I, Second Lieut. Samuel McCoy, Commanding; Second Lieut. John E. Kent, Second in Command.

Company K, Second Lieut. (Continued on page four)

#### WHO'S THE BEST BAND?

Very much in the manner of a hot trumpet blast, a challenge came tearing into the Dixie office, breathing fire on the heel of a story about the 116th Field Artillery Band. Someone in the 114th Field Artillery evidently believes strongly in the ability of their swing organization. The challenge leaves no loopholes and carries no ifs, ands or buts.

The 114th Band is willing to face the 116th Band on neutral ground, fight to a finish with no holds barred, and let the audience pick the winner. Any date between February 15th and March 8th will be agreeable says the notice. Any place will also be satisfactory to the challengers.

This battle for the unofficial championship of the Division should be something to hear, and there is hardly a building around the Camp which will accommodate the crowd of supporters and the bloodthirsty. It ought to be something to see, and may the best man win.

Watch the DIXIE for further coat holding details.

## General Spoke And Squirrel Bit About Same Time

A thirty-first Division Sergeant, at Camp Blanding, is wondering today whether it is worse to be caught idle by his Commanding General or to be bit by an angered mother squirrel.

Major General John C. Persons, 31st Division Commander, decided to make a pop inspection of the infantry training areas. Passing a group of intent, sweating men, he had the chauffeur stop his car. Walking up unnoticed, the General stood and watched proceedings as the soldiers turned over a huge log.

The General could refrain his curiosity no longer. "What are you hunting Sergeant?" The soldier gave one startled look, caught a flash of two stars and released his grip on a squirrel hitherto held firmly. With a hunk of the soldier's hand firmly in her mouth, the animal scampered away. Unable to think of a quick reply, the red faced non-com replied: "We wuz just huntin' some squirrels, Sir."

P. S. If the sergeant will give his name to the Dixie he'll get a squirrel cage.

## BLANDING BREVITIES

### TAX HELP OFFERED

Any person desiring assistance in preparation of their income tax returns are requested to make appointment at once with Deputy Collector of Internal Revenue at Camp Headquarters or Headquarters, 31st Division.

### SKEET SHOOT SCHEDULE

All officers and enlisted men interested in shooting on the program being arranged for Saturday afternoon, February 15th, at the Starke gun Club and for shooting Sunday afternoon, February 16, at the Jacksonville Club, are urged to register for these shoots not later than Friday, February 14 with Lt. Horace G. Towell of the Adjutant General's Department, 31st Division Headquarters. Both shoots will be for practice unless other arrangements are made previous to the dates mentioned.

### SAE'S MEET

The second meeting of the SAE alumni in Camp Blanding was held last Wednesday under the guidance of Col. O. W. McNeese, with a large number of new names being added to the list already compiled. Pon Lippett, Sales Manager for the Coca-Cola Corporation in Starke issued an invitation to a party at a later date.

Next Monday, February 24th will be the next meeting of the organization, when a formal chapter will be organized and officers will be elected. A petition will be sent the National Office and the chapter is believed to be the first of its kind in the country.

### MIMEOGRAPH SCHOOL

A school on mimeographing will be held in the Division School Building on February 19-20-21 from 9:00 A. M. to 4:00 P. M. The course will be open to all mimeograph operators and typists.

### "FREE LAUNDRY"

As soon as the Camp Quartermaster can arrange for the service, sheets, pillowcases and mat-

## Skeeters Scatter Shots At Starke Shooting Saturday

The Starke gun club had several officers and enlisted men as guests Saturday, February 1st, though attendance was lower than was expected. Scores for the day were high, and a large number of new members are expected for the next meeting. A match with the Jacksonville club is being arranged pending the arrival of a larger number of new enthusiasts.

Scores of the men from Camp Blanding were: Lt. Horace Towell, 31st Division Hq., 23 out of 25; Pvt. Hollis Province, Co. D 156th Inf., 25 out of 25; Pvt. William Gordon, Hq. Detachment, special troops, 21 out of 25, Pvt. Delaney, Hq. Detachment, special troops, 15 out of 25. Pvt. Delaney is the beginner of the group.

## Soldier Hurt In Tractor Leap

Private Johnnie J. Ray, Company C 106th Engineers was seriously injured Sunday when he attempted to jump from a moving tractor and a cable threw him under the wheels of the attached Laterneau. He was reported resting well in the Camp Hospital today. Private Ray suffered a broken jaw, several broken bones, a possible fractured vertebrae and a possible fractured cranium. He was immediately rushed to the hospital by the civilian driver of the tractor, and his family notified.

Private Ray was visiting the tractor operator, a former resident of West Point, Miss., home of the accident victim. Injury was caused when the wheels of the Laterneau passed over his body, after a trailing cable had thrown him in its path.

dress covers will be laundered at government expense, a bulletin from Headquarters announced today.



# EYES RIGHT . . . . Along Dixie's Company Streets

## 167TH INFANTRY

Company C claims to have more entries in the Regimental fights than any other unit. With at least one man in every weight, they have dominated the entries so far.

Staff Sgt. John L. Bright and Pvt. 1st class Silas Cross of Company E were granted leaves in order that they might make a trip home during the past week. Pvt. 1st class Howard Burgett attended the Presidents Ball in Starke. Sgt. Everett Pitts, champion jitterbug of the Company, may lose his nerve these days since he came home with a sprained hip from the Barn Dance in St. Augustine.

The boys of M as well as all men in the camp extend their sympathy to Captain Ollie P. Mabrey on the death of his mother recently.

The Company M top-sergeant is confined to the hospital, but they don't seem to be getting the rest they expected.

Company L is certainly a hard working unit. After the privates were taken for guard detail, there were none left for KP, latrine orderly, etc., so all non-coms were forced to perform those tasks.

Lt. Samuel E. Williams has closed his 45 calibre pistol school, with 37 candidates completing the course.

The 167th Infantry Regiment has a complete library on hand these days, due to the efforts of the Regimental Chaplain, Lt. Wolcott. All types of books and magazines may be found in the Recreation Hall, from pulp magazine fiction, to classics and school texts.

## 106TH QM.

Company E led the Quartermaster Corps for the month of January with a 99.1 per cent average, for inspections.

Six men took furloughs during the past week, visiting their home city of Montgomery, Alabama. The men were: Corp. William P. Collier, Pvt. Eric E. Johnson, Pvt. James F. White, Pvt. Alton G. Johnson, Pvt. Owen M. Butts, Pvt. Robert C. Wilson.

Two new men entered the ranks of Company E February 1st. The new men are Pvt. Robert C.

Miller and Pvt. Oscar J. Eiland, transferred from Hq. Co. 167th Infantry.

Promotions in Company E—To Tech Sgt.: Sgt. John D. Harris, Sgt. Eugen C. Vann. To Stf. Sgt.: Sgt. Henry W. Gray, Sgt. John A. Casey. To Sgt.: Julian H. Banks, Lowery P. James, Vinson H. Simpler, James E. Reynolds. To Corporal: Herman R. Busby, Jesse E. Little, Dan M. McLain, William P. Collier.

## 124TH INFANTRY

Four members of Company K made a week-end trip to Orlando last week-end, paying a visit to the home folks. They were accompanied on the trip by Miss Catherine Kelley, working in the Utilities Section of the Camp warehouse. Miss Kelley accompanied them as far as Sanford, Fla. The trip was made in the station wagon owned by Sgt. Gard. Other members of the party were: Pvt. Hamn, and members of the third Battalion Hq.

## 156TH INFANTRY

Capt. Joseph A. Holliday of Co. A approved transfer of two men last week. Pvt. William W. Carnes was transferred to the signal company and Corporal Charles W. Shaw was transferred to the Medical detachment.

Captain Shaw, Co. A, has been serving double duty lately. As well as being company commander, he has been acting Battalion commander, leaving quite a few responsibilities in the hands of Lt. Ludlow B. Baynard, Jr., second in command.

Lts. Malcolm E. McGraw and Sidney T. Mixon were assigned to Co. A last week.

Lt. Lionel J. Champagne has been appointed company insurance officer for A.

Winners of the weekly amateur night were a minstrel group composed of Eddie Dominique, Dan Gautreaux, Clarence G. Simon, Edwin Mouton, and Paul Short, all of Company H.

Company H had two visitors last Monday, January 27; Private San Marsiglia's sister, Blanche and Mrs. Charley Schilling spent the day.

Promotions in Company H: To Sergeants: Corp. John E. Prejean, Charles J. Gautreaux, Jr.,

Darrell H. Walter, Lazard L. Landry, Blames Gauthier and Donlon Ritchey. To Corporals: Pvs. Pierre V. Landry, Vincent R. Leblanc and Alphonse M. Broussard.

## 106TH ENGINEERS

Pvt. Bishop, Co. B was appointed corporal during the past week.

For the past three weeks, Lt. Bush, Co. B has been absent from his duties, due to the fact that he was building a Regimental bayonet court.

First Sergeant Stainbrook, relieved lately by Staff Sgt. Cloud because of duties arising in the surveying work about Camp, has returned to the Company.

Corporal Sterling Harrell and Pvt. David Young Co. C have taken five day leave to make a trip to West Point, Miss., their home town.

Company C was inspected by General Sturdivant, Assistant Chief of Army Engineers, last week. The company gave an exhibition of erection of barbed wire fences in the morning and construction of Steel Truss bridges in the afternoon.

Lt. Joseph S. Burrows was recently relieved from active duty with Company F to take over the duties of Regimental Recreation Officer.

## 156TH INFANTRY

Company "A" 156th Infantry boasts itself of a darn good basketball team and offers a friendly challenge to any team in Camp Blanding. Any team wishing to accept the challenge may contact Lt. Lionel J. Champagne, Company "A" athletic officer.

## 114TH FIELD ARTILLERY

In spite of the rain, cold, and wind more men attended the "Jam Session" than have been to any former program. About three to four hundred were present to hear all the more popular tunes swung in the latest style. The orchestra was made of men from the 114th band and the men of the regiment say they have the best band in the Division. By the applause and attendance this seems to be the type of program that the boys really let themselves go and enjoy. Maybe they have

enough rhythm in their souls to make them forget how tired they are, and even forget their worries.

## 155TH INFANTRY

Regular programs in the 155th Recreation Hall gave place to Regimental meetings of officers and enlisted men this week. Next week will begin with a program by the band and the rest of the week will be carried on as usual.

The officers of our regiment will use four of the back rooms in the recreation hall as club rooms. The rooms have already been painted, shelves installed, and furnished with rugs, tables, and mirrors.

Much interest has been shown in games played in the recreation hall. Badminton and ping pong being the favorites. A number of our boys have been working out on the stage in order to be in shape when the boxing tournament begins.

## 106TH QM.

1st Lt. Elijah D. Morris, Service Co., left Tuesday for Philadelphia, Pa., where he will attend a quartermaster school. He was accompanied by Sgt. Henry Clay Graves, who will attend the subsistence school.

Private Henry Charlton, Service Co., leaves next week to attend the U. S. Army Cook's School at Camp Jackson, S. C.

Promotions in Service Co.: Walter M. Laird, to Stf. Sgt.; Archie R. Patterson, Jr., to Sgt.; James E. GGriffith, to Corporal; Robert T. Ellis, to Corporal; Thomas E. Vaughan, to Corporal; James E. Jowers, to Corporal; James D. Wheatley, to Corporal; Harry Britton, to Corporal.

Pvt. Reginald Richardson, Service Co., left last Friday for Baltimore, Md., where he will attend a mechanic's school, at Holabird.

## 106TH ENGINEERS

Mrs. A. K. Naugle, Jr., and Mrs. Rodney F. Hamlin were visiting their husbands in camp over the week-end. Captain Hamlin is commanding officer of Company C, while Captain Naugle is Regimental Dental Officer.

Private Duke Company C, has taken a five day leave to visit West Point, Miss., his home town.

Private Marvin B. Goodson, Company A, left February 4th for a training course at the Cook's and Baker's school in Fort Jackson, S. C.

2nd Lt. Sidney F. Tate, formerly with Headquarters and Service Co., has been attached to Company A.

## 156TH INFANTRY

Promotions in the Anti-Tank Company: To Sergeant: Kelly B. Morrish, Alson Walker and Henry Rogers. To Corporal: Henry C. Henderson and Lee R. Nordyke.

## 116TH FIELD ARTILLERY

Mrs. Raymond A. Bulger, Mrs. B. M. Albritton and Miss Gladys Wiggins of Arcadia, Florida visited Pvt. Raymond A. Bulger, Battery F. Saturday night and Sunday; driving home that night. The visitors had a taste of Army life to tell the folks at home about, as well as getting to see the snow the division had that night.

## Officers Who

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David C. Morgan, Commanding; Second Lieut. Kermit B. Hunt, Second in Command.

Company M, Second Lieut. William T. Hemphill, Commanding; Second Lieut. Cecil V. Manasco, Second in Command.

Regimental Headquarters Company, Second Lieut. James M. Gorrie, Commanding; Second Lieut. Wallace A. Harris, Second in Command.

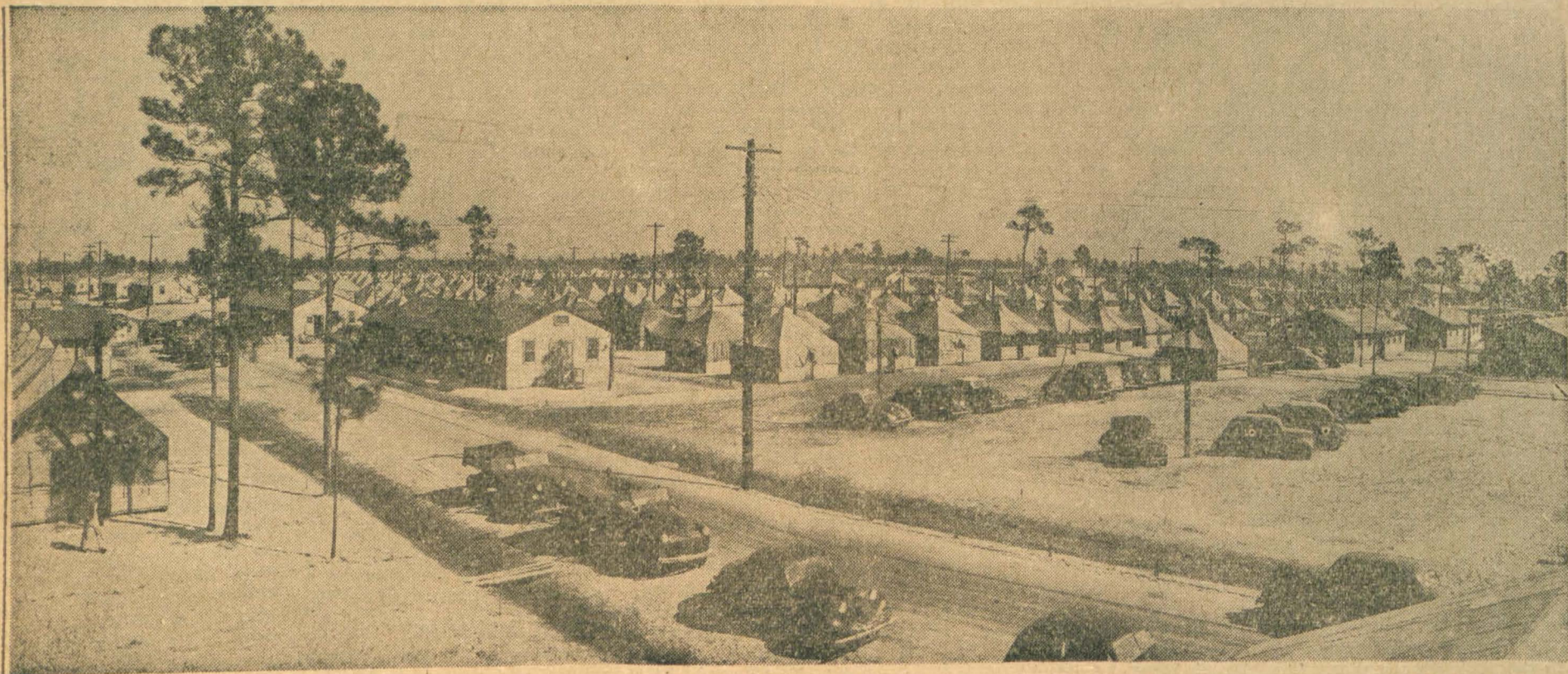
Anti-Tank Company, First Lieut. David T. Tabor, Commanding; Second Lieut. John T. Cheriones, Second in Command.

## Feller's Fellers

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the 31st being invited to participate.

Final arrangements were completed Tuesday, when Bob Feller made the trip to Camp Blanding to discuss details of the meeting. The return game will be played at a later date, unannounced as yet.



A city of tents—row after row, street after street. The canvas tops stretch as far as eye can see at Camp Blanding, now sheltering 13,000 men, next week 20,000, next month 50,000. This scene shows the geometrical landscape from the center of the 116th Field Artillery Camp.—Photo by Courtesy Tampa Daily Times.